

Plant Begins 'Amendment Is Dead' Tar Sands Production

Utah's first tar sands production plant has begun preliminary operations and hopes to reach full production by the middle of October.

"We're just trying to get all the equipment operating properly, the controls functioning and finding proper conditions for the power plant to operate at," said Kent Hatfield, Enercor executive vice president.

Mr. Hatfield said the plant, just south of the Chevron Oil Refinery in North Salt Lake, should be producing about 50 barrels a day from 100 to 125 tons of tar sands by mid-October.

The pilot plant received a \$500,000 grant from the State Advisory Council on Science and Technology and Enercor contributed about \$1 million for the plant.

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WASHINGTON — State Rep. Dorothea Mansura, Ogden, a long-time strategist for ERA-fighter Phyllis Schlafly, arrived here for the Schlafly-led Stop ERA-Eagle Forum's 10th annual leadership conference which opens Friday and continues through Sunday.

With the extended deadline for ratification of an Equal Rights Amendment expiring June 30, Mrs. Mansura predicted Thursday that "ERA is dead and buried," not only nationally, but in Utah, since the legislature two years ago resoundingly adopted a resolution to preclude the controversial issue's reappearance on future dockets of proceedings.

Mrs. Schlafly said Thursday she agreed with Illinois legislator "who recently said he has seen cadavers in the morgue which have more life than ERA."

No state has ratified the ERA since Congress passed the extension bill over two years ago, she noted, adding that the legislation "was generally perceived by the public as unfair."

With the federal district court in Boise, Idaho, momentarily expected to hand down its decision on the landmark ERA time extension/recission case in court now for almost 2½ years and to determine the legality of a state rescinding an earlier vote for ERA ratification, Mrs. Schlafly said that if the time extension granted by Congress is ruled invalid, "That means ERA really died on March 22, 1979. If recissions are ruled invalid, it still would be over for ERA because everyone knows there is no possible way that eight more state (the number needed to amend the Constitution) would ratify by next June 30."

Among featured speakers at the Schlafly-led conference, will be Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev.

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